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To: Nursing Homes

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From: Larry Tainter, Director
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Subject: Intense Skilled Nursing Revision

The Intense Skilled Nursing (ISN) definition has been changed effective January 1, 1991. The reference to Activities of Daily Living (ADL) functioning has been eliminated for the following categories of ISN services:

1. Enteral/Parenteral Nutritional Services
2. Continual Respiratory and Ventilator Services
3. Continual Tracheostomy Care Services
4. Non-Routine Ostomy Care

For a resident to qualify for ISN in category 5, Other Intensive Nursing services, there must be a complex condition existing plus the person must be dependent on staff for ADLs. The ADL dependency alone does not make the person ISN or the complex condition alone does not qualify the person to be identified as ISN.

Inclusion is limited to persons where level of Activities of Daily Living (ADL) functioning (toileting, eating, transferring, mobility) generally requires a staff person present during most activities. If the staff person were not present, the resident would be incapable of completing the activity.

A copy of the revised ISN guidelines is attached. Please note that the reference to ADL functioning has been eliminated from the general ISN definition on page one. The revised criteria for ADL functioning associated with residents in category 5, Other Intense Nursing Services, is located on page eight.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Landgraf at (608) 266-6691.

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